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Biden announces conviction for racketeering and theft in construction fraud scam

Wilmington, DE – Today Attorney General Beau Biden announced that two builders associated with the company “Bavari Corporation” have been sentenced in connection with a construction fraud scam against four sets of home owners and 23 sub-contractors and suppliers. On Friday, December 11 the owner and president of the company, Andrew T. Jones, was sentenced to seven years in prison and ordered to pay more than \$400,000 in restitution.

“We have held these individuals accountable for deceiving and scamming home buyers and sub-contractors,” Attorney General Biden stated. “Scammers be on notice: we will continue to use the full force of the law to protect Delaware consumers from construction fraud.”

Andrew T. Jones – also known as “Andre Jones” – pled guilty on October 21, 2009 in Sussex County Superior Court to charges of Racketeering, three Thefts over \$50,000, New Home Construction Fraud over \$50,000, and another felony Theft. He had been indicted on 42 count of illegal conduct in connection with a massive scam against four different sets of home owners and 23 sub-contractors and suppliers. Jones was sentenced by Judge T. Henley Graves to seven years in prison, followed by one year of work release. He also received approximately 36 years of probation and was ordered to pay more than \$400,000 in restitution.

A second man, Jason S. James, who acted as Jones’ assistant, pled guilty on October 21, 2009 to three charges of misdemeanor Theft and one charge of misdemeanor New Home Construction Fraud. James was sentenced immediately to six months probation on each charge.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy Attorney General Richard Hubbard.

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